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Edwin Wilson

ROGER MUDD: The cloak and dagger world of Edwin Wilson, the former CIA agent and recent fugitive, is now the subject of an intensive series of grand jury investigations.

SUSAN PETERSON: Edwin Wilson, caught in a government trap three weeks ago, now held on a \$20 million bond while the government investigates his activities in one of the largest grand jury investigations in history.

Wilson was indicted not only for supplying the lethal explosives to Libya and training terrorists there, but for conspiracy and solicitation to murder.

A grand jury in Washington, DC is expected to add more charges to that indictment, while another grand jury in Alexandria, Virginia will investigate whether officials in the Pentagon assisted Wilson in his business transactions.

Of interest to the grand jury, sources say, are Wilson's associations with Major General Richard Secord, a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and Erich von Marbod, former heart of the Defense Security Assistance Agency which handles foreign military sales.

In Denver, where former Green Beret Eugene Tafoya was found guilty of assaulting a Libyan dissident, federal prosecutors are checking out alleged links with Wilson to what they describe as an assassination attempt.

In Houston, another grand jury. An explosives manufacturer is cooperating with the government's efforts to connect Wilson to a shipment of 20 tons of explosives from Texas to Libya. That indictment expected in less than two weeks.

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The Wilson case involves a complicated network of corporations and businesses used by Wilson in this country and abroad for more than five years.

The key question is whether Wilson will go to trial alone, or name names and report others in activities which may have been illegal.